

8 Children at Play Killed By War Shell

'Dud' Explodes When Hit by Mallet; Wall of Home Crushed by Terrific Blast Near Watertown, N. Y.

Woman Is Injured By Flying Metal

Explosive Was Picked Up on Field Used as Army Artillery Training Camp

WATERTOWN, N. Y., July 12.—Eight children were instantly killed here this afternoon when one of their number struck an old six-inch artillery shell, supposed to be "dead," with a croquet mallet, on the farm of Edward G. Workman, who had been keeping the supposed "dud" for a souvenir. He had picked it up on Pine Plains last summer. The site had formerly been used as an artillery training camp.

Workman's two children, Edna, seven, and Anson, twelve, were playing croquet in the yard behind their home with six other children of the neighborhood. These were Monroe Salisbury, fifteen; Frances Wiley, thirteen; Vivian Jones, ten; Olin Brown, eleven; Sarah Hardon, seven, and Donald Harton, of Pulaski, who was visiting at the Brown child's home.

The shell, according to county officials, had been struck by two of the children with the croquet mallets they were playing with and nothing occurred. A third child hit the shell, causing the explosion. The rear end of the house, which was built of concrete blocks, was blown in. Plaster throughout the entire house was knocked off and windows were broken.

For a distance of two blocks in every direction windows were shattered.

Mrs. James Judd, seventy-five years old, who was in the yard of her home a block away, was hit by a flying stone and severely injured.

One piece of the shell traveled 800 feet, passing through the walls of three wooden garages and finally lodging in a tree.

Other Shells in Neighborhood

During the investigation of the accident officials found other similar shells at other residences near by which had also been struck from the ground.

Captain George E. U. S. A. stationed at Morris Park Barracks, discovered the theory advanced early in the case of District Attorney E. Herbert Wicks that the explosion of the shell might have been caused by the heat of the sun shining on it. A blow would be necessary to explode the shell, said Captain Schumacher.

E. W. Jones, father of Vivian Jones, was one of the first to arrive at the scene of the accident.

He found his daughter was one of the group. Dr. Jones lifted the girl from one of the bodies and found it to be that of his daughter. He collapsed, grief quickly and went straight to the hospital, and went straight to the stricken parents with more help arrived.

Clotting Blown Off Bodies

Practically all of the clothing was blown off the bodies of the children. Fragments of it lodged in trees and bushes in the vicinity.

The bodies of the children were found apparently at places near where they had been standing in their croquet game. Near them lay fragments of the croquet mallets. Several of the balls used in the game were blown to bits and the wickets were torn from the ground.

The shell apparently let go without warning. Two carpenters at work on a house next door to the Workman home said a second before the detonation they had heard the voices of the children laughing at play. The two were the first to reach the scene.

Wall Crashed to Power

They were greeted by a scene of utter desolation. The Workman house is of concrete, and the concussion had reduced the entire rear of the house to powder. On the ground lay the fragments of the wall, a way pall of concrete dust was beginning to settle.

Two automobile tires which had been on the back porch were blown to the roof of a building two hundred feet away. Blocks of concrete were blown against neighboring houses and into the streets and surrounding yards.

Court Rules Hetrick Must Serve Sentence

Knight Conviction Also Affirmed in Appeal Against Finding in Anti-Trust Case

ALBANY, July 12.—The conviction of John F. Hetrick for conspiracy under the Durell anti-trust law, the indictment growing out of the investigations of the Lockwood housing committee, was affirmed by the Court of Appeals late to-day.

Hetrick was convicted in connection with attempts to maintain excessive prices for lumber and with attempting to fix bids and specifications relating to this character of work. Hetrick, a lawyer, on New York, was sentenced to serve ninety days in jail and pay a fine of \$1,000.

The conviction of John L. Knight, who was convicted jointly with Hetrick, also was affirmed by the highest court. In neither case did the court write an opinion.

Ex-Judge, Wife Slayers, To Face Firing Squad

Utah Court Grants Convicted Murderer Choice of Means of Execution

SALT LAKE CITY, July 12.—Omer E. Woods, former Idaho Probate Judge, who was convicted of having murdered his wife and burned her body on an oil-baked bed in their home here last January, chose to face a firing squad rather than "sing" and was so sentenced by Superior Judge Ep. Johnson yesterday. Woods will face a firing squad at the Utah State Prison September 1 at sunrise.

Woods was alleged at the trial to have been \$1,500 in the insurance. His defense was that his wife had been murdered by robbers who ransacked their home.

German Defense Bill Passes Second Reading

BERLIN, July 12 (By The Associated Press).—By an almost unanimous vote the Reichstag late this afternoon passed the second reading of the first paragraph of the government's bill for protection of the republic against the conspiracies of the monarchists.

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Women Shot, Police Beaten, In Bronx Riot

Brick-Hurling Girl Attacks Manicurist and Soon 5,000 Jam Street and Fight 70 Patrolmen

Family of Six Held, One as the Leader

Shower of Missiles Falls and Men Rush Out as Pair Turn Corner

DOMESTIC

Efforts of Railroad Labor Board to settle shopmen's strike prove futile; traffic heavily delayed; freight at standstill in some Western cities and crack passenger trains delayed.

Eight children killed during croquet match at Watertown, N. Y., when one of them struck an old six-inch rifle shell with a mallet.

Benjamin Gitlow and James Larkin must serve anarchy sentences, Court of Appeals rules.

FOREIGN

Russian conference at The Hague is admitted failure, although delegations meet again to-day in final effort.

Germany asks Reparation Commission for three-year moratorium on cash payments on war bill; hopes loan negotiations will be resumed.

Premier Lloyd George's wife ends three-day political campaigning tour in interests of the Coalition.

Sir Auckland Geddes tells British audience that English do not understand America; Ambassador Washburn predicts better trade conditions.

WASHINGTON

Anthracite operators accept Harding's arbitration plan for settling coal strike; bituminous operators and miners still holding out.

Hughes and Mackenzie King discuss negotiations of Canadian-American treaty for permanent limitation of armament.

The frontier to conform to treaties drawn at Washington arms conference.

Republican leaders in House and Senate review appropriations for the year, pointing to reductions in estimates; Democrats call such savings ethereal and preposterous.

LOCAL

Francis Kluxen to tell own story in trial for murder of girl.

Lead of Pyrene company says removal of extinguishers in subways world imperil millions.

Argentine beefsteak at 12 cents a pound should be available here, says traveler.

Grand jury makes rapid progress in probe of Fuller affair.

Major and Board of Estimate help Queens delegation scold Governor in Newtown gas case.

Woman and girl shot, two policemen beaten in Bronx street fight that stops traffic.

New Mrs. George Gould, wealthy in own right and mother of three children.

SPORTS

Yankees lose to Browns, 7 to 4.

Giants defeat Cubs, 5 to 1.

Robins lose seventh straight since going West, bowing to Reds, 4 to 1.

Rain halts golf championship play on Skokie Links.

Woman Shot in Hip

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